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HOUSE BILL NO. 165

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Prefiled pursuant to Article III, Section 2(A)(4)(b)(i) of the Constitution of Louisiana.

MILITARY AFFAIRS: Provides relative to the use of state war veterans homes and care facilities

1 AN ACT

2 To amend and reenact R.S. 29:381, relative to state war veterans hospitals and care facilities;

3 to provide who may use the facilities; and to provide for related matters.

4 Be it enacted by the Legislature of Louisiana:

5 Section 1. R.S. 29:381 is hereby amended and reenacted to read as follows:

6 §381. Authority to operate and maintain; definition of war veterans; eligibility of
7 other veterans and nonveterans

8 The Department of Veterans Affairs is hereby authorized to operate and
9 maintain ~~healthcare~~ health care facilities for war veterans with psychiatric and
10 geriatric conditions, and other such veterans and nonveterans as deemed eligible
11 under Title 38 of the United States Code. For the purpose of this Part, "war
12 veterans" shall be construed to mean such ex-service persons as were discharged
13 under other than dishonorable conditions, and who served in any branch of the armed
14 forces of the United States during the period of any war in which the United States
15 participated, including the Korean Conflict, or who performed such services after
16 January 31, 1955, including the Vietnam era.

DIGEST

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Abstract: Provides that state health care facilities for war veterans shall be available to certain veterans and nonveterans.

Proposed law retains present law definition of "war veterans" which means such ex-service persons as were discharged under other than dishonorable conditions, and who served in any branch of the armed forces of the U.S. during the period of any war in which the U.S. participated, including the Korean Conflict, or who performed such services after Jan. 31, 1955, including the Vietnam era.

Proposed law provides that La. state war veterans homes may be used by veterans and any service-connected disabled veterans who served on active duty between the following dates:

- (1) Nov. 12, 1918, through Dec. 6, 1941.
- (2) Jan. 1, 1947, through June 26, 1950.
- (3) Feb. 1, 1955, through Aug. 4, 1964.
- (4) May 8, 1975, through Aug. 1, 1990.

Proposed law also provides that certain nonveterans, such as parents of veterans who were killed in action while in service to our country, and spouses of veterans, may be eligible for admission into Louisiana's state war veterans homes if they are eligible to reside in war veterans homes under Title 38 of the U.S.C.

(Amends R.S. 29:381)